

## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

SNC Reference Number  
(enter if previously assigned)

**080150**

**County: Modoc County**

**Applicant: Modoc Fire Safe Council**

**Project Title: Defensible Space/Landowner Assistance Program**

### **PROJECT GOAL**

The goal of this project is to assist senior or disabled residents, living in the Central Modoc Wildland-Urban Interface area (WUI), who are physically and/or financially unable to meet the state mandated 100 feet defensible space requirements of PRC 4291, hence, reducing fire risk for watershed resources and increasing fire safety for residential areas.

### **PROJECT SCOPE**

Our fuels reduction project will treat (cutting, piling and chipping) approximately 75 acres of rural home sites within the two watershed districts of Central Modoc, i.e. the Central Modoc Resource Conservation District and the Goose Lake Resource Conservation District. The SNC grant funds will enable us to: (1) assist senior or disabled residents in the WUI areas, who are physically and/or financially unable to meet the 100' clearance requirements of PRC 4291, and (2) educate homeowners in order to identify and address risk within the home ignition zone.

The program will provide an education and brush cutting crew, project coordinator, liability insurance, equipment maintenance. Our crew will hand cut hazardous fuel (brush and limbs within 100 feet of structures and along driveways and routes of ingress/egress) for the aforementioned residents. Slash piles will be placed within 10-foot easement along existing roads and driveways to be chipped.

Education/outreach materials will be developed / printed and distributed to the residents of these two districts, including visitors, developers, other community groups, to increase awareness on the importance of watershed protection, fire prevention, fuels management and natural resource conservation.

Photo documentation will be performed on a random sample by the coordinator or contractor (when the coordinator is not available) of before, during, and after fuel treatment.

### **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

Stanley G. Sylva, Forest Supervisor , Modoc National Forest

Timothy Burke, Alturas Field Office Manager, BLM

Nancy Ballard, Deputy Director of Emergency Services, Sheriff's Office

Bryon Hadwick, Watershed Coordinator, Central Modoc Resource Conservation District

Herb Jasper, Director, Goose Lake Resource Conservation District

Debbie Mason, Social Worker II & Deputy Public Guardian

### **SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE**

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Hire fuel reduction contractor, meeting/consultation with Central Modoc RCD coordinator and Goose Lake RCD director, advertise program in the papers, issue press releases, start scheduling work	May 2009
Start fuels reduction in the residential wildland-urban interface, including photo documentation	May 2009
Start education campaign; develop/print and distribute outreach materials	June 2009
Submit a six-month progress report to SNC	November 2009
Send end-of-season program survey letter to landowners	March 2010
Fuels reduction and education/outreach completed; meeting with Central Modoc RCD coordinator and Goose Lake RCD director, contractor, and volunteers to assess results/program	March-April 2010
Final Report/Final Payment Request	April 30, 2010

### **SNC PROJECT COSTS**

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Fuels reduction contractor	\$ 60,000
FSC coordinator (oversight and travel)	\$ 28,300
Chipper rental and maintenance	\$ 10,500
Supplies: misc. office supplies, printing, postage, etc.	\$ 2,500
Advertising	\$ 2,000
Administrative cost	\$ 12,400
<b>SNC GRANT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$116,200</b>
<i>Volunteer hours and use of FSC Chipper</i>	<i>\$ 8,000</i>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST (Including in-kind)</b>	<b>\$124,200</b>

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

#### **Project Quality & Readiness**

##### General Description:

Firefighters always say that it is not if, but when, fire will burn through an area. Fire has